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Applicant(s): ALAN H. KARP ET AL.
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Title: FLEXIBLE ALLOCATION OF A RESOURCE

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with Petition for One-Month Extension of Time; and
2. Preliminary Amendment.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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